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3 June '13

Mr. Michael Morisy
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Dear Mr. Morisy

We received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 06 May 2013. Your request was assigned USNORTHCOM FOIA case number FY13-06MAY2013-NNC49. In your request letter you asked for the following: A copy of all responses sent to Congressional committees between Jan 1, 2008 and the date that this request is processed.

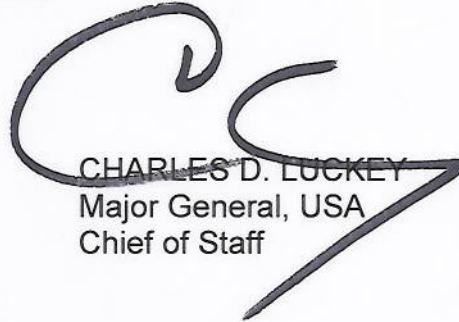
After performing a search of our systems of records we found three documents (Attachments 1-3) responsive to your request. Upon review of the documents we have determined that portions of these documents are currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526, section 1.4c and should remain exempt from public disclosure under the FOIA exemption (b)(1). The authority for this exemption can be found in the United States Code, Title 5, Section 552 (b)(1).

As a requester in the "All Others" fee category, you received the first two hours and 100 pages of records at no cost. On 06 May 2013 you requested a fee waiver for processing your request; however you did not respond to our fee waiver questions sent on 06 May 2013. Therefore, we have denied your request for a fee waiver. The total cost of processing your request is \$132. The breakdown of this cost is 3 hours of search and review time at the professional rate of \$44.00 per hour. Please remit a money order in the amount of \$132, made payable to the U.S. Treasury, and forward your payment to N-NC/CS (FOIA), 250 Vandenberg St, Suite B016, Peterson Air Force Base, CO 80914.

To ensure proper credit, please reference FOIA Case FY13-06MAY2013-NNC49. Please be advised that if we do not receive your payment within 30 days from the date shown above, we will begin charging an interest fee based on the current value of funds rate at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/cvfr/> and your account will be considered to be delinquent. If you are placed on the delinquent list we will be unable to process any FOIA requests from you until full payment is received. If you have any further questions

concerning your request, please do not hesitate to contact our FOIA Request Service Center at the above address.

If you are not satisfied with our Commands' response on your request, you may administratively appeal to Mr. James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch, Office of Freedom of Information, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter, cite our case number FY13-06MAY2013-NNC49, and it should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" on the request.



CHARLES D. LUCKEY
Major General, USA
Chief of Staff

Attachments:

1. General Renuart Letter to Ike Skelton, 6 Oct 08
2. General Renuart Letter to Ike Skelton, 8 Apr 08
3. General Jacoby Letter to John Kerry, 9 May 12



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The Honorable Ike Skelton
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman

(U) Thank you for chairing the 18 Sep 08 briefing with the House Armed Services Committee on NORAD and USNORTHCOM Command Center consolidation. I appreciated the opportunity to report to Members of Congress on our integrated command center for warning and homeland defense operations in all domains—air, space, land, maritime, and cyber.

(b)(1) During the briefing, you asked if we addressed threats such as weapons of mass destruction as part of the security assessment process. (b)(1)

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We have and will continue to re-evaluate our security posture, through both internal and external assessments, and implement those measures that improve the security of our headquarters and missions.

(U) I know several Committee Members are concerned about the future of Cheyenne Mountain. Please be assured that the NORAD and USNORTHCOM Alternate Command Center in Cheyenne Mountain continues to have an important role in our homeland defense strategy. Furthermore, mission-critical computer systems and sensor feeds still reside within Cheyenne Mountain and are fundamental to our ability to conduct command and control operations from multiple locations. In short, we are committed to a long-term relationship with Cheyenne Mountain.

Classified by: General Victor E. Renuart, Jr.
Commander,
NORAD and USNORTHCOM

Reason: 1.4 (a) (g)
Declassification: 25X8

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(U) We appreciate your leadership on the House Armed Services Committee. Thank you for your continued support to ensure we have the resources needed to defend our homeland. I am available at any time to discuss issues of interest.

Sincerely


VICTOR E. RENUART, JR.
General, USAF

cc:
The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Ranking Member, Committee on Armed Services

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The Honorable Ike Skelton
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
514-B NW 7 Hwy.
Blue Springs, MO 64014

Dear Mr Chairman

Thank you very much for your recent letter regarding a request from Chief Steven P. Westermann, President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). I am pleased to tell you the IAFC Board of Directors will tour Cheyenne Mountain on 16 May 08, and afterward, I will meet them in our NORAD and USNORTHCOM Headquarters at Peterson Air Force Base. I look forward to talking to them about how the local fire service community and USNORTHCOM can plan and exercise together to strengthen our nation's disaster response capabilities.

We are grateful for your continued advocacy on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure our nation's military forces, including the National Guard, have the proper resources and authorities to protect our homeland. I am available at any time to discuss any homeland defense issue of interest.

Sincerely


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MAY 09 2012

The Honorable John Kerry
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman


Thank you for the opportunity to articulate my position on the Law of the Sea Convention. I completely support our Nation's accession to the Convention. This would formalize our nation's standing where our vital interests are at stake and provide an internationally recognized legal framework for supporting national security and securing U.S. rights over extensive marine areas.

National security is dependent on cooperative partnerships and peaceful opening of Arctic waters is in the interest of the community of Arctic nations. The United States is the only Arctic nation that has not acceded to the Convention. Consequently, the Nation risks being excluded from strategic discussions for advancing the Convention with our maritime partners and for resolving sovereignty, sea boundary, and natural resource issues. Future defense and civil support scenarios in the maritime domain will require closely coordinated, multinational, military operations, to include the formation of coalition task forces. Our Nation's accession to the Convention will set the conditions for partnership and cooperation.

I support the Administration's effort to become a Party to the Convention. Joining the Convention will protect and advance a broad range of significant economic and national security interests, and ultimately contribute to the peaceful opening of the Arctic in a manner that strengthens international cooperation.

A similar letter has been sent to Ranking Member Lugar.

Sincerely


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